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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1138

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY BANJUL

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 15495

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR OVIP VS FR UK XA MO TS

SUBJ: FOMINS AFRICAN TRIP

REF: SAIGON 15415

1. MFA HAS NOW GIVEN US FONMIN VUONG VAN BAC'S PRECISE ITINERARY WHICH IS SET FORTH BELOW. ASSISTANT TO THE MIN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LE QUAN GIANG HAS REQUESTED US TO INFORM EMBS CONCERNED OF VISIT IN CASE MIN BAC MIGHT POSSIBLY CALL ON THEM FOR ASSISTANCE, FOR EXAMPLE IF THERE IS NEED FOR SECURE OR RAPID COMMUNICATIONS.

2. GIANG ALOS MENTIONED THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING FOR
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MIN BAC TO CALL ON PRES TOLBERT BECAUSE VISIT FELL ON A WEEKEND,

AND SAID HE WONDERED IF USEMB MIGHT ASSIST. WE WERE NON-COMMITTAL AND LEAVE ANY SUCH INTERVENTION TO EMB MONROVIA'S DISCRETION, IF APPROACHED BY AMB TRAN.

3. MFA AFRICAN DIRECTOR INDICATED TO US KENYA HAD ALSO BEEN APPROACHED AND COULD BE ADDED ON END OF TRIP IF AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE RECEIVED. DISCUSSIONS WITH TUNISIA REACHED ADVANCED STAGE BUT WHEN ACTUAL DATED PROPOSED FONMIN REPLIED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENTS RELATED TO INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTERS; RVN AMB WILL BE PURSUING MATTER AND TUNISIA ALSO COULD CONCEIVABLY BE ADDED TO ITINERARY.

4. ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

DEC 14 LV SAIGON AF 185 AT 1900
DEC 15 LV PARIS FOR LONDON AF 804 AT 1000
DEC 16 LV LONDON FOR PARIS BE 024 AT 1600
DEC 17 LV PARIS RK 37 AT 1000 ARR ABIDJAN 1825. VISIT ABIDJAN
DEC 17-20 INCLUDING CONF OF RVN AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION.
DEC 21 TO JAN 1 TENTATIVE VISIT TO TOGO SET DEC 21-23, OTHERWISE
WILL SPEND MOST OF THIS PERIOD IN LONDON VISITING FAMILY EXCEPT
FOR EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONF IN PARIS ABOUT DEC 30.
JAN 1 LV LONDON BR 321 AT 1000 ARR BANJUL 1900
JAN 4 LV BANJUL WT 964 ARR FREETOWN 1105
JAN 7 LV FREETOWN BR 354 AT 1015 ARR CASABLANCA 1425
JAN 10 LV RABAT BR 351 AT 1400 ARR MONROVIA 1915
JAN 13 LV MONROVIA BA 182 AT 1030 ARR KINSHASA 1610. REMAIN
ZAIRE JAN 13-15, FURTHER SCHEDULE NOT YET FIRM.
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